

leadership to move the bill expeditiously to the floor following the Committee's action.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to send to the President a bill that will respond to our constituents' overwhelming calls for Congress to make a substantial and reliable investment in the conservation of our Nation's wildlife, coastal resources, and open spaces. The momentum is with us, and we should not miss this rare opportunity to create a conservation legacy for generations to come.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, July 13, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,666,740,403,750.26 (Five trillion, six hundred sixty-six billion, seven hundred forty million, four hundred three thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and twenty-six cents).

One year ago, July 13, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,625,005,000,000 (Five trillion, six hundred twenty-five billion, five million).

Five years ago, July 13, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,933,342,000,000 (Four trillion, nine hundred thirty-three billion, three hundred forty-two million).

Ten years ago, July 13, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,152,611,000,000 (Three trillion, one hundred fifty-two billion, six hundred eleven million) which reflects almost a doubling of the debt—an increase of over \$2.5 trillion—\$2,514,129,403,750.26 (Two trillion, five hundred fourteen billion, one hundred twenty-nine million, four hundred three thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and twenty-six cents) during the past 10 years.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING JANET R. STEWART

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to an outstanding representative of Washington State, Jan Stewart. Ms. Stewart will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am very pleased that one of Washington State's own was tapped as the 1999-2000 president of this prestigious national organization.

The AANA is the professional association that represents over 27,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). Founded in 1931, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is the professional association representing CRNAs nationwide. As you may know, CRNAs administer more than 65 percent of the anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia provider in over 65 percent of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization

capabilities. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and plastic surgeons.

Jan has been a nurse anesthetist since 1982. She received her extensive anesthesia training at the Mayo School in Rochester, Minnesota. She is currently self-employed with an independent practice that encompassed several States and is based in Seattle. Jan has held various leadership positions within the field of nursing generally since 1985, and within the field of nurse anesthesia served on the Finance Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and as a member of the AANA Board of Directors representing Region 5. She was elected Vice President of AANA in 1997 and is furnishing her service as the organization's President.

In addition to her service to the AANA, I would like to thank Jan for her input as a member of my local advisory committee. I have always appreciated her advice and interest in the health issues before the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Ms. Jan Stewart for her notable career and outstanding achievements.●

#### WILLIAM J. BECKHAM, JR. MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to the life of one of Michigan's great civic leaders, William J. Beckham, Jr. After living a remarkably accomplished life, sadly, Bill passed away April 27th while on vacation with his beloved wife, Mattie Maynard Beckham. This week, Bill's friends and colleagues and members of the Senate and the House will come together in our Nation's capital to celebrate his memory and his legacy.

Bill loved life and all the important things in it—his family, his friends, school kids, and his African American heritage. Bill loved the difference that he was making in Michigan through his work on school reform—enhancing and expanding the quality of education for all students in the Detroit public school system. Behind Bill's dignified, gentle yet deliberate manner was a fierce determination to help improve the everyday lives of families. Multitudes were beneficiaries of his visionary efforts. He showed that character and the principles of hard work, integrity and perseverance can transform one's dreams into reality. He has left a mark of great achievement in civil rights, education, economic and political reform.

Bill had a distinguished career of public service in Michigan, which included positions as Vice Chair of the School Board for the Detroit Public Schools, Chairman of the Schools of the 21st Century Corporation, President and Trustee of The Skillman Foundation, the first Deputy Mayor of

Detroit, and President of New Detroit, Inc. His successful career in the private sector included key leadership positions at Burroughs/Unisys Corporation, Envirotech Systems Corporation in Phoenix and the Ford Motor Company.

Bill also enjoyed a long and noteworthy career in federal service from 1967 through the early 1980s. Over a period of eight years, he served Senator Phil Hart in several capacities including Policy Adviser in his Washington office for 4 years, Chief of Staff of the Senator's office in Detroit for three years, and Campaign Assistant for one year. Bill subsequently served as Staff Director to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Equal Opportunity, chaired by Representative Gus Hawkins. Sought out by President Jimmy Carter, Bill was nominated and confirmed first as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and later as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

During his tenure on Capitol Hill, Bill joined with several of his staff colleagues to establish the first minority congressional staff group to study and act on the political and legislative demands of minority communities nationwide. The group's pioneering efforts in Quitman and Cohoma Counties in Mississippi, along with civil rights leader John Lewis and, my brother, Sander Levin (both of whom now serve in the House) helped to mark a new and powerful political and participatory direction for the people of the Mississippi Delta. Wise and loyal colleagues—Gordon Alexander, Jackie Parker, Judy Jackson, Willa Rawls Dumas, Alan Boyd, Dora Jean Malachi, Mattie Barrow and Bob Parker—declared Bill their leader. The group moved ahead and soon designed the legendary mission to the Mississippi Delta; and, under the direction of Julian Bond of the then-Southern Elections Fund, pursued other worthy political initiatives.

Mr. President, I would like to include in the RECORD the names of the members of the William J. Beckham, Jr. Memorial Committee, all of whom were former staff colleagues of Bill's during his tenure of Federal service, including my current Deputy Legislative Director, Jackie Parker. These devoted friends and former colleagues organized this week's great tribute to Bill and will be attesting, along with others, to the truly incredible life that Bill led and the impact he had on their lives. I ask their names be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

WILLIAM J. BECKHAM, JR., MEMORIAL  
COMMITTEE

Gordon Alexander, Legislative Assistant, former Senator Birch Bayh, \*President, 40+ Parenting, Inc.

Robert Bates, former Special Assistant, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY.

Alan Boyd, Senior Aide, former Senator Clifford Case, \*Charitable Games Control Board.

George Dalley, former Chief of Staff, Rep. CHARLES RANGEL.

Winifred Donaldson, Chief of Staff, former Rep. Andy Jacobs.

Willa Rawls Dumas, Senior Aide, former Rep. Silvio Conti, \*Vice President for Administration, Directions Data, Inc.

Ernestine Hunter, Senior Aide, former Senator John Glenn.

Judy Jackson, Senior Aide, former Rep. Bob Eckhardt and Ex Assistant, Senate Finance Committee, \*Executive Assistant, TRESP Associates.

Carolyn Jordan, Legislative Assistant, former Senator Alan Cranston and Counsel, Senate Banking Committee, \*Executive Director, National Credit Union Administration.

Dora Jean Malachi, Senior Aide to former Senator John Sherman Cooper, Senator Marlow Cook and Congressional Budget Office.

Mary Maynard, Clerk, House Subcommittee on Equal Opportunity, \*AFL-CIO Legislative Division.

Jackie B. Parker, Legislative Assistant, former Rep. James A. Burke, \*Deputy Legislative Director, Senator Carl Levin.

Annette C. Wilson, \*U.S. Department of Transportation.

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, Bill leaves his beloved mother, Gertrude; his wife Mattie, their two children, Monica and Jeffrey; Bill's three older sons, William, III, Jonathan, and Reverend Eric Beckham; his two sisters Connie Evans and Elaine Beckham of Florida; his brother Charles of Detroit; seven grandchildren, and innumerable friends. Together we will celebrate his life and cherish his memory.

In closing, I would like to share with my colleagues an article which appeared in the Detroit Free Press the day after Bill's funeral. The article includes the very moving sentiments expressed by Monica Beckham about her father as well as expressions of others who were touched by Bill's generous spirit. I ask that the article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Detroit Free Press, May 4, 2000]

MOURNERS PRAISE BECKHAM'S VISION—2,000 AT FUNERAL FOR REVERED DETROIT CIVIC LEADER

(By Ben Schmitt)

William Beckham Jr. had a strategy to get home at a reasonable hour, as he juggled highranking jobs and late speaking engagements. He'd arrived early to evening meetings, empower the audience, gradually make his way toward the back door and vanish.

"How prophetic," said Willie Scott, a board member of Schools of the 21st Century, the Detroit school district's grant-funded educational partner. "It is exactly how he lived and left us. He worked us as the audience and slipped out the back door."

Beckham's funeral, a 2½-hour affair Wednesday at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit that drew more than 2,000 people, was full of memories, praise and grieving for the Detroit school reformer, president of the Skillman Foundation, Detroit's first deputy mayor and past president of New Detroit Inc. But it was an unscheduled speech by Beckham's 21-year-old daughter, Monica Beckham, that brought the tissues out in full force.

"One of the main things I will always remember about you was your ability to see the innate goodness in everybody," she said, while crying. "It was so beautiful about you. You were the epitome of a father, a husband and a man."

Beckham, who also worked for the Carter administration as an assistant secretary in

the U.S. Department of Treasury and deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, died April 27 of a pulmonary embolism in Bloomington, Ill., during a drive back from a family vacation. He was 59.

Although his funeral attracted a mix of family, friends and high-ranking city and state officials, no special measures were taken for accommodations. Beckham would have wanted it that way, his brother said.

"Bill, as you know, thought everyone was a dignitary," said his younger brother, Charles Beckham. "So if anyone's feelings were hurt, we certainly didn't intend that. It was in the vein of Bill saying that everybody's a dignitary; everybody's important."

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Detroit Public Schools interim CEO David Adamany, retired MBD Bank President Tom Jeffs, retired General Motors Corp. Vice President William Brooks and DaimlerChrysler Vice President W. Frank Fountain were among those in attendance.

Fountain wondered aloud, as he addressed the crowd, how the city will move forward without Beckham.

"It's an unfair question because no answer seems like the right answer," he said. "We move forward the same way that Bill did during his lifetime: with hard work, humility and humor."

Maureen Taylor, chair of Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, said she never knew what the J in William J. Beckham stood for.

"It probably stands for 'Just in time,'" she said to applause. "He came in here with his sleeves rolled up. He came just in time to work with a multitude of jigsaw puzzle activities: children, grandchildren and schools boards."

"So we, too, are jolted by this premature departure. I guess it was premature to me and premature to you and for him it was just in time."

Adamany said it's too early to say whether school reform will succeed.

"In Detroit, that success will be much more difficult because of Bill Beckham's untimely passing. But we can say with certainty that Bill's vision about the need for school reform was true. His vision began not with the school system, not with the people of power, but rather with the students."

Charles Beckham, standing several steps above the flower-surrounded casket, described the church scene in a conversation with his older brother.

"This room is filled with everybody, all hues, colors and racial ethnicities," he said. "There's a large crowd, and I know that wouldn't make you comfortable. But I swear I don't have anything to do with that. It's your fault because these people have been touched by you and love you."•

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDGE HATFIELD

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Paul Hatfield. Last week, Montana lost not only a great man, but a dedicated and passionate public servant who spent most of his life committed to working for the people of our state and our nation.

A native Montanan, Paul Hatfield was born and raised in Great Falls, where he graduated from the local high school in 1947 and pursued pre-law studies at the College of Great Falls. His education was interrupted by two years of service in the U.S. Army, including overseas duty with the Signal Corps during the Korean conflict.

In 1953, Paul returned home and entered the University of Montana Law school. After several years in private practice, he was appointed Chief Deputy Attorney for Cascade County, serving until his election as 8th Judicial District judge in 1960. He held this post with honor and distinction for the next sixteen years. Heeding the call for public service, he was elected Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, moving to Helena to assume his new duties in January 1977.

When Senator Lee Metcalf passed away on January 12, 1978, Judge Hatfield was the Governor's choice to complete the remaining year of that term. During his tenure in the Senate, Hatfield served on the Armed Services and Judiciary Committees. In 1978, Judge Hatfield and I both ran for the Democratic nomination for the opportunity to represent Montana in the United States Senate. Paul campaigned as a man of integrity. He was always gracious and principled. Following the election, we remained friends and I have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration for him.

While already having a distinguished career, Judge Hatfield was not yet done with public service. In 1979, he was appointed to serve on the Federal District bench by President Carter. Although Hatfield took senior status in 1995, he continued to serve actively in the courtroom until the time of his death.

Mr. President, as I have said, Paul Hatfield was an incredibly gracious man. His dedication was apparent through his long career as a public servant and his commitment to his faith. He was full of charisma as everyone who came into contact with him would attest to. Paul Hatfield was a treasure to our state and to this nation and he will be greatly missed.●

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 14, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

S. 1892. An act to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9745. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.